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INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT Special Training Camp at Apollensdorf
near Wittenberg (Saxony-Anhalt) NO. OF PAGES 2PLACE 25X1A NO. OF ENCLS.
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1. [REDACTED] three classes of 600 students each had been processed through a three-month course. The last class had 240 FDJ members from the West Zone and 360 from the DDR. Exceptional members were from western Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Western Germany.
2. Trainees are divided into blocks numbered I to IV. There are classes numbered V and VI but they are empty at present. The training site is ample and training is carried on in a three-story stone building. Facilities include a motion-picture theatre, a canteen, a recreation room and baths. Excluding teachers and sentries, there are 64 persons, including cooks and auto mechanics, in the administrative staff of the camp.
3. Sentries are changed weekly by police reliefs from Coswig and Piesteritz.
4. The courses are outlined as follows:
 - a. Political course. (60 of the 120 in the last class taking this course were from West Germany.) Lectures on party administration are given as well as practical instruction in shorthand and typing.
 - b. Police course. (60 of the 240 in the last class taking this course were from West Germany) Lectures on police problems are given with special emphasis on border problems. Special instruction in sketching is also given.
 - c. Special course. (120 of the 180 in the last class taking this course were from West Germany) This is a four-weeks course made up of three weeks of weapons training and one week of weather training. Map-making, field-telephone installation, compass utilization, and land description are also included. Several small Soviet radio apparatus were used for communication. A battery-powered pocket radio of Soviet origin was also used.
 - d. Weapons course. Training in this course was carried on with the following equipment:
 - (1) Collapsible machine-gun of Soviet origin.
 - (2) Collapsible machine-pistol.
 - (3) Collapsible 2 mm (sic) machine-gun. This machine gun was composed of three parts and was served and carried easily by three men.

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- (4) Soviet and British type carbines.
- (5) All types of hand-weapons.

5. Model course. Demonstrations and practical work were given on the following:

- a. Road building
- b. Signal and strong-point installations.
- c. Transformer construction.
- d. Road block construction.
- e. Electric barbed wire construction.

6. Special schooling course. Lectures on the following are given:

- a. Handbill distribution.
- b. Poster and placard construction.
- c. Distribution of materials under all foreseeable conditions.

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Comment: [redacted] indicates that there is a VP maneuver area near Coswig. Personnel training there may be from Kochstedt.

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